

- 1. What percentage of the cost of heathcare and pension premiums do you think employees SHOULD contribute, on average?
- 2. What percentage of the cost of their health insurance premiums do you believe workers in the private sector contribute, on average?
- 3. What percentage of health care premiums do you believe state and local government workers in Wisconsin were contributing before Walker's reforms?
- 4. What percentage of wages do you believe state and local government workers in Wisconsin actually contribute to their health care costs after the Walker reforms?
- 5. Are Wisconsin state and local government workers making sacrifices by accepting lower compensation and benefits in exchange for greater job security?
- 6. Do Wisconsin state and local government workers have a choice about whether their union dues are automatically withheld from their paychecks?
- 7. Among the states of Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan, Illinois, and Minnesota, which state's taxpayers pay the largest share of their government workers' health care costs?
- 8. Is it true or false that Wisconsin state and local government workers get better pay, better benefits, and better job security than their counterparts in the private sector?
- 9.Is it true or false that while workers across the nation averaged paying 30 percent of their health care benefits, state and local government workers in Wisconsin before the Walker reforms paid about 6 percent?
- 10. True or false? After the Walker reforms, WI state and local government workers still contribute just 12.6% toward their health care benefits?

ANSWERS:

- 1. There is no right answer, but most people answered 25-50 percent in a previous survey.
- 2. According to the Kaiser Health News, private sector workers pay on average about 30 percent of their health care costs. Kaiser Health News article link

- 3. According to the New York Times, before the Walker reforms, state and local government workers in Wisconsin were paying about 6 percent toward their health care benefits. NY Times article link
- 4. According to the New York Times, after the Walker reforms, state and local government workers in Wisconsin are now paying about 12.6 percent toward their health care costs. NY Times article link
- 5. The correct answer is "No." According to USA Today, Wisconsin is one of 41 states where government workers receive better pay, better benefits, and better job security than their counterparts in the private sector. <u>USA Today article link</u>
- 6. Before Governor Walker's reforms, state and local government agencies automatically withheld workers' union dues from their paychecks, even if a worker had strong objections to the way the union was spending his dues.

 Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel article link
- 7. According to HCTrends, Wisconsin taxpayers pay almost \$14,000 per government worker per year in health care benefits, which makes it the most generous of the five states tested. HCTrends article link
- 8.The correct answer is "True." According to USA Today, Wisconsin is one of 41 states where government workers receive better pay, better benefits, and better job security than their counterparts in the private sector. <u>USA Today article link</u>
- 9. The correct answer is "True." The New York Times reports that before the Walker reforms, Wisconsin state and local government workers paid an average of just under 6% of their health care costs. NY Times article link
- 10. The correct answer is True, according to the New York Times. NY Times link www.lsThatReallyFair.org a project of Independent Women's Voice